Blackout PreK Lesson Plan

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*Introduction*: Before reading Blackout have the children tell the things that they do at home at night.

After children give their responses ask”Could you do these things if the lights went out?”

*Read:* Blackout

*Comprehension Questions (after reading the story):*

Where did this story take place?

Why did it get so dark in the story?

How would you feel (on the page where the character yells,”MOM”) if that was you in the dark?

Where did the family go when it was too hot inside?

What kind of lights did they see on the rooftop?

Name some things people were doing at the block party.

*Whole Group Extension:*  Ask students to name something they could do if they were in a blackout.

Write responses on chart paper.

*Extended Center Activities:*

*Art:* Have children draw a picture using black crayon. When finished drawing use water downed blue paint to paint over crayon drawing. This will resemble a “blackout.”

*Science:* Electric vs. non-electric picture sort

Discuss what electric is and what kinds of things are electric (plugged in).

Using boardmaker designed pictures have children sort and glue pictures onto paper based on whether they require electric or do not need electric.